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For: CONTINUOUS PREPARATION OF METHYL FORMATE
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This subject information disclosure statement is submitted in connection with
applicants' continuing duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56.

Listing of Relevant Documents

The relevant documents are listed in the attached Form PTO-1449.

REMARKS

- DE 926 785 = CA 52:16206b is found in the specification on page 2.
- DE 10 46 602 = CA 55:2486e is found in the specification on page 2.
- DE 1 147 214 = CA 59:11270b is found in the specification on page 3.
- DE 195 06 555 = U.S. 5,917,085 is found in the specification on page 4 and listed in
the international search report in category "A".
- DE 863 046 is listed in the international search report in category "A".
- DE 880 588 is found in the specification on page 5.
- DE 22 43 811 = GB 1 432 648 is found in the specification on page 6.
- U.S. 4,661,624 is found in the specification on page 7.
- DE 43 09 731 = U.S. 5,401,873 is found in the specification on page 7.
- DE 27 10 726 = U.S. 4,216,339 is found in the specification on page 8.
- EP 048 891 = U.S. 4,994,603 is found in the specification on page 9.
- EP 596 483 = Derwent 94-152884/19 is found in the specification on page 9.
- EP 251 112 = Derwent 88-001046/01 is found in the specification on page 9.
- EP 104 875 = U.S. 4,734,525 is found in the specification on page 9.
- Ullmann's Encyclopedia of Industrial Chemistry VCH (1988), Vol. B3, 4-62 bis 4-65 is

concerned with the processes of distillation and rectification and the respective mechanisms in columns. No hint whatever is given to the solids-free desalting process being integrated in the process of this invention. No hint is given to modify construction (hot-water or water-vapor inlet) of a column and its operation so as to be applicable in such a desalting process.

A copy of the international search report is attached.

Entry is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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